

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 217471
ORIGIN SY-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ARA-03 SSO-00 /007 R

66011
DRAFTED BY:A:SY:CC:TXDAMICO
APPROVED BY:A:SY:VHDIKEOS
-----043496 100531Z /14

O 100313Z SEP 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL AMERICAN REPUBLIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 217471

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SANTIAGO DATED SEPTEMBER 9,
1977 SENT SECSTATE WASHDC, USIA WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU:
QUOTE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SANTIAGO 7467

USIA FOR IOS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: BOMB FOUND AT SANTIAGO BINATIONAL CENTER (BNC)

1. AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLED THE BNC AT 1:45 P.M.
TODAY AND ADVISED THE RECEPTIONIST THAT A BOMB HAD
BEEN PLACED IN THE BNC EITHER ON THE TERRACE OR IN
THE CAFETERIA WHICH ARE ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER. THE
CALLER ALSO STATED THAT THE QUOTE POPULAR RESISTANCE
WOULD TRIUMPH UNQUOTE (LA RESISTENCIA POPULAR
VENCERIA)), AND IF SHE (THE RECEPTIONIST) DID NOT
TAKE ACTION AND SOMETHING HAPPENED SHE WOULD BE
RESPONSIBLE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 217471

2. THE CAFETERIA AREA WAS IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED AND
EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND LOCAL POLICE SEARCHED THE
ENTIRE CENTER. AN UNIDENTIFIED CYLINDRICAL OBJECT
APPROXIMATELY EIGHT INCHES LONG AND THREE INCHES IN
DIAMETER WAS DISCOVERED ON THE TERRACE. IT WAS WRAPPED
IN LIGHT YELLOW PAPER AND TIGHTLY BOUND WITH SCOTCH

TAPE. THE LOCAL BOMB SQUAD EXAMINED THE OBJECT AND DETERMINED IT CONTAINED METAL. THEY THEN WRAPPED THE OBJECT IN A BOMB BLANKET AND REMOVED IT FROM THE PREMISES. THE BNC RESUMED ITS NORMAL OPERATIONS AT 3:00 P.M.

3. THE CARABINEROS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE OBJECT REMOVED FROM THE BNC WAS IN FACT A BOMB CONSISTING OF A SEIKO WRISTWATCH, 1.5 VOLT DRY BATTERY, TWO DETONATORS AND 250 GRAMS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE INSIDE A PLASTIC TALCUM POWDER CONTAINER. THE BOMB WAS SET TO GO OFF AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BOMB THREATS IN THE PAST, THE MOST RECENT ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO, BUT PREVIOUS SEARCHES HAVE NOT TURNED UP EVEN A BOMB FACSIMILE. THE RESISTENCIA POPULAR IS AN EXTREME LEFT ORGANIZATION WHICH UNTIL NOW, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS LIMITED ITS ACTIVITIES TO CIRCULATING ANTI-GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS.

NELSON UNQUOTE VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 10-Sep-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE217471
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: A:SY:CC:TXDAMICO
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770328-0413
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770977/aaaacmxc.tel
Line Count: 83
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 03268648-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SY
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1316375
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BOMB FOUND AT SANTIAGO BINATIONAL CENTER (BNC)
TAGS: ASEC
To: ALL POSTS
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/03268648-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009